

## **Should smoking be banned on campus?**

Argue from the opposite position.

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**Consider your own evidence if you were arguing from your position. What might someone say to refute that evidence? What might someone say to undermine the evidence you use?**

I contend that smoking should be allowed on campus. It's a stress reliever after a rough day at school. It also helps calm the nerves before a final exam. If they have designated smoking areas outside then why should it matter. People who don't smoke can stay clear of these areas and don't have to be close.

Smoking on campus should be banned. It's not safe for the person who's smoking, or the people they're smoking around. Many people inhale second hand smoke even if they are not smoking. This campus should be a no-smoking zone just like in high school. Kids, or teachers, should not be able to smoke on campus. This should be the same way no matter if you're in college.

In today's atmosphere with the general public trying to live a healthier lifestyle, brings one major question to the table. Should my health be jeopardized by someone else's bad habits? I am talking about smoking on campus. *So many people everyday are diagnosed with lung cancer that have never picked up a cigarette there whole entire life.* In 2005-2009 second hand smoke caused an estimated death toll of over 7300 in adult nonsmokers. When you are subjected to secondhand smoke your risk of lung cancer increases by 20-30% according to the CDC. Even your risk of heart disease is increased by 25-30% with an estimated 34000 deaths in 2005-2009. With these facts supported by the CDC you can gather that when you are subjected to secondhand smoke you're allowing a friend or complete stranger to jeopardize your life with their personal habits.

**Overall, this would be a strong paragraph in an essay arguing that smoking should be banned on campus. The paragraph presents the harmful side effects of secondhand smoke as evidence that smoking should be banned on campus. The author effectively provides information that reiterates the dangers of secondhand smoke which ultimately supports his position and (implied) thesis.**